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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thurmond et al.                      Atty. Docket:                      ORT-1457  
Serial No.: 10/010,577                      Art Unit:                      1652  
Filed: November 8, 2001                      Examiner:                      William W. Moore  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant requests a one-month extension of the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. An Amendment And Reply To Office Action accompanies this petition.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750 for the \$110.00 extension fee. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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